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APRIL MUSTER CALL

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place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

Twenty-one attended March's meeting, but we wish it could have been twenty-two. Our meeting was not complete without you! Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Compatriot Joe O'Connor. We received a new application, and Kerry Hellums regaled us with stories of Confederate Cavalry. "If you wanna have a good time; if you wanna smell H---; jine the cavalry."

We will continue to receive donations towards a drawing for a Hood's Texas Brigade Assoc. commemorative plate (1974) donated to us by Gen. Bishop. Some lucky person will have a nice addition to his collectables. "Chances" are 75 cents each or 3 for \$2.

Past Cdr. David O. Morris will speak this month on "Field Artillery of the War of Northern Aggression". His talk will be punctuated with slides. Do not fail to hear this one. You will certainly learn a great deal about WBTS artillery. See you there!

A FALLEN COMPATRIOT

It becomes my sad duty to report to you that one of our members has "crossed over the river" to "rest in the shade of the woods". WILLIAM E. MURPHY passed away 8 March 1988 in Austin. He was interred in Taylor March 10th. Some of our members served as pallbearers: Gen. Bishop, Joe Dale Morris, & John Hagler.



**HAVING TO
REMINO YOU!**

1988 DUES ARE DELINQUENT

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Delinquent Dues Notice to those compatriots who have not paid their 1988 dues in accordance with our constitution and by-laws. We hope all of you who receive one of these notices will respond affirmatively to the plea to pay your dues immediately!

ENLISTMENTS

Raise your kepis high for our newest member. WILLIAM FRANKLIN CAMPBELL was unanimously accepted into SCV membership during our March meeting. He joins upon the record of his Great Grandfather James Byers Smith who was a private in Co. E, 32nd Tennessee Infantry. Private Smith served until 1 March 1865. Bill is a certified public accountant who resides at 11555 Gunfight Lane, Austin 78748, #280-0259. Welcome to the camp, Bill. We hope our association will be long and mutually agreeable.



THE CAPITOL GREAT WALK

The new Great Walk at the Capitol which will bear a block reading "Camp 59 Sons of Confederate Veterans" due to a donation made in the camp's name will be dedicated on Saturday, May 7, 1988. We have been allowed a few tickets to the event; however, Cdr. Leist has announced that we will try to secure more so that those who donated may attend if they so desire.

There will be many public events. Donors will be honored at a morning coffee. A parade will pass through the Capitol grounds later in the morning. At noon speeches will be given by the Vice-President, Governor, Lt.-Governor, and Speaker of the House.

Tickets are necessary for some of these events. Camp donors who would like tickets should inform the Adjutant at the April camp meeting.



STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY;

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina played only a minor role in the secession drama, was not a party to the organization of the CSA, and seceded 20 May 1861. Union sentiment was strong in the state, and they adopted a "watch and wait" policy. However, they did not approve of the use of force to bring the seceding states back into the Union. Lincoln turned the great majority of North Carolina's "Unionists or conservatives" into "secessionists or radicals".

North Carolina contributed about 125,000 troops, led the South in blockade running, sustained about one-fourth of the Confederate losses, and fed and clothed its own soldiers. Its one black mark was that it also had the most deserters. A number of important battles, mostly along the seacoast, occurred there. Joseph Johnston surrendered near Durham. The state was readmitted to the Union 25 June 1868, after military control had been withdrawn the day before.

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AT PLEASANT HILL

(On the battlefield the night following the engagement, a boy only 19 years of age and an old man were found dead, lying side by side, each face wearing a smile)

Two faces lying pale and stark
Beneath the solemn midnight calm,
Two rifles gleaming in the dark,
Dropped from the unnerved dying palm;
Two faces bleak and stark and white,
In silence fading through the night.

One face a boy's with auburn hair,
Its outline fringing like a veil,
A forehead rounded, soft and fair,
That until then no pelting hail
In all life's storm had scarred or torn,
That never one sad look had worn.

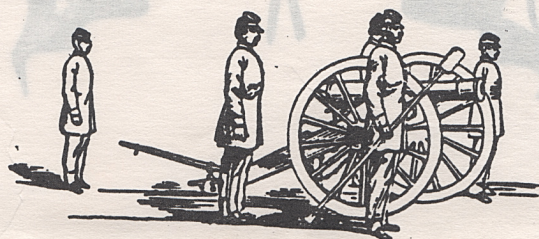
Still on the lips a smile remained,
As if some dream had loitered there--

Some dream of home that, travel-stained,
Had come to him with holy prayer--
Had come and whispered words of cheer,
And fond goodbye's from kindred dear.

One face a boy's;--The other sown
And seamed with prints of weary years--
Sad years that in their march had strewn
Life's way with shadows, losses, tears--
A face with beard of silver white.
Wet with the falling dews of night.

No braver soul than theirs that day
Had faced the battle's fiery rain--
Through all, sweet voices far away
Talked with them soothing all their pain--
The pain of wounds they panted, for,
And, having won, as trophies wore.

Death came at last--came in the flash
Of desperate charge, and here they lie--
Lie in a sleep no cannons' crash
Shall ever break--no storms that fly
Shall ever smite with harsh alarm--
A sleep Good-watched against all harm.



BATTERY UPDATE

The half-section Littlefield Battery is going to the reenactment of the Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, April 8-10. Unlike most reenactments, this one is fairly close. The battle itself is on Sunday afternoon. If you have never seen a reenactment and wonder what the Battery does on these excursions, then how about making the trip and watching us do just about our favorite thing--whip Yankees!

Our major trip will be to the 125th Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg the end of June. Commander Morris has requested that each Battery member who definitely plans on making the trip to Gettysburg notify him as soon as possible. He needs to finalize our personnel roster and make gun assignments. Based on the information received last fall, ten members were registered!



CONFEDERATE RESOLUTION

"Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America that the thanks of Congress are eminently due and are hereby most cordially tendered to MAJOR-GENERAL RICHARD TAYLOR and the officers and men of his command for the brilliant success obtained by them over the enemy in Louisiana during the past year and particularly for the victories at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill on the 8th and 9th of April last and their subsequent operations against the retreating army of Federal General Banks in the valley of the Red River.

Resolved that the President communicate this resolution to Major-General Taylor and men of his command.

Approved June 10, 1864."

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